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Harold Holzer, Senior Vice President for External Affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, serves also as co-chairman of the U. S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, appointed by President Clinton. He is the author, co-author, or editor of 33 books on Lincoln and the Civil War era. Among them are *The Lincoln Image*, *The Confederate Image*, *The Lincoln-Douglas Debates*, *Lincoln as I Knew Him*, *Dear Mr. Lincoln: Letters to the President, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: The Civil War in Art, The Lincoln Family Album, Lincoln on Democracy* (co-edited with Mario Cuomo), which has been published in four languages, and *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech that Made Abraham Lincoln President*, which won a 2005 Lincoln Prize.

His latest books are *Lincoln President-Elect: Abraham Lincoln and the Great Secession Winter 1860-1861* (2008), which won the Barondess/Lincoln Award and the Award of Achievement of the Lincoln Group of New York; *The Lincoln Anthology* (2009), a Library of America collection featuring 150 years of great writers on the subject of Abraham Lincoln; and *In Lincoln's Hand* (2009), a Library of Congress book featuring Lincoln's original manuscripts with commentary by distinguished Americans.

Holzer has also written more than 425 articles over the past 35 years in both scholarly and popular publications, and contributed chapters and prefaces to some 30 additional volumes. He has won research and writing awards from the Illinois State Historical Society, the Manuscript Society, the Civil War Round Tables of New York and Chicago, and the Lincoln Groups of New York, Peekskill, and Washington. In 2008 he was awarded the National Endowment Medal by President Bush.

In addition to his writing, Holzer lectures throughout the nation. His program "Lincoln Seen and Heard," with actor Sam Waterston, has been staged and broadcast from such venues as the White House, the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, the Clinton Presidential Library, the Library of Congress, and Ford's Theatre. Their new program, "Lincoln in American Memory," will be televised by PBS on *Bill Moyers' Journal* this April. He also appears frequently on C-SPAN and the History Channel, and has served as an on-air commentator for such Lincoln Bicentennial specials as *Looking for Lincoln* and *Stealing Lincoln's Body*.

Holzer served as guest curator for a number of Lincoln art exhibitions, including several at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, and will be guest historian for the fall 2009 show "Lincoln and New York" at the New-York Historical Society.

A former journalist, and political and government press secretary (for both Bella Abzug and Mario Cuomo), Holzer has served as an executive at the Metropolitan Museum of Art since 1992. He and his wife, Edith, who live in Rye, New York, have two grown daughters and a grandson.

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